



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the April 3, 2014 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, RSU#54/Maine School Management; and Heather Perry, Superintendent of School, RSU#3

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present to approve the February 24, 2014 minutes as written.

UPDATES

Certification (Mark Cyr):

Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, updated the Committee on the following:

- Final adoption of proposed changes to Chapter 115: "Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel" will go before the full board on April 9, 2014.
- Mark reviewed with the Committee the status of the Praxis tests for secondary science courses. Mark will contact Educational Testing Service (ETS) about the arrangement of a one day in-state session of cut score settings for the tests. Another option would be to set the score based on the test scores of other state's cut scores. The results will be presented to the full Board. Mark would like this completed as soon as possible by the start of school in September.

Higher Education:

The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled. Interviews were conducted on March 6, 2014.

Chapter 118:

The Committee is moving forward with a plan to update the mentoring materials in Chapter 118 "Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems". Nancy had a conversation with Commissioner Rier and will take a proposal to Rachelle Tome about setting up a group that will review the materials from other states and recommend mentoring materials to incorporate into policy. Once the details are completed, the Committee will present the proposal to the full Board to approve this group. There will be mileage reimbursement and lunch provided to participants that will be funded by the State Board if approved. The Committee will invite Crystal Polk, Doug Spaulding and Shirley Spaulding to participate in the review of materials.

Handouts:

- Proposed Changes to Chapter 13: “Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Education Specialists, and Administrators”. (Mark Cyr)
- Maine Science Tests Under Review (Mark Cyr)
- Praxis Elementary Education: Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) Mathematics Subtest (5003) (Mark Cyr)
- Praxis Education of Young Children (5024) (Mark Cyr)

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.